



1997 SENATE BILL 381

December 17, 1997 - Introduced by Senators CLAUSING, ROESSLER and BURKE, cosponsored by Representatives SERATTI, HASENOHRL, TURNER, BLACK, R. YOUNG, BOYLE and BAUMGART. Referred to Committee on Labor, Transportation and Financial Institutions.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 346.24 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring vehicles to
2 stop and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and bicyclists.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the operator of a vehicle is required to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian or bicyclist who is crossing a highway, within a marked or unmarked crosswalk, where traffic is not controlled by a traffic control signal or traffic officer. Yielding the right-of-way includes stopping if necessary. Failure to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian or bicyclist may result in a forfeiture of not less than \$30 nor more than \$300, except a bicyclist who fails to yield the right-of-way may be required to forfeit not more than \$20.

This bill requires the vehicle operator to stop when yielding the right-of-way to a pedestrian or bicyclist.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 346.24 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 346.24 (1) At an intersection or crosswalk where traffic is not controlled by
5 traffic control signals or by a traffic officer, the operator of a vehicle shall stop and
6 yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian, or to a person riding a bicycle in a manner

